(figs. In $/bbI)

Month	Dubai	BrentPated)
Oct'. 00	30.52	3051
Nov'. 00	30.64	3264

(c) and (d) Government continuously monitors the developments in the international market so as to make suitable adjustments in domestic prices.

Petrol and Diesel Dealership in Rural Areas

2492. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some oil companies have any proposal to open petrol and diesel dealership in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies conduct periodic surveys in all areas including 'E' class markets (remote areas not covered by National/State Highways and pockets of agricultural concentration having no retail outlets within 10-km. radius) and 'D' class markets (National/ State Highways) to identify locations which are feasible based on the Volume-Distance Norms. Such feasible locations are included in the Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry. This is an ongoing process.

Tenders for Transportation Rates in Haryana

2493. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil sector PSUs have ignored basic conditions for qualifying the tenders for tendering transportation rates in Haryana;

(b) if so, the reasons for giving two rates to contractors and parte 11 transporters;

(c) whether the whole procedures of finalising the transportation rates of POL products is strictly in accordance with CVC guidelines;

(d) if not, the reasons for finalising such contracts after the expiry of 240 days of calling the tenders; and

(e) whether Government would conduct enquiry against all irregularities and faulty procedures followed by oil corporations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Oil Sector PSUs have reported that the basic conditions for qualifying the tenders for tendering transportation rates in Haryana have not been ignored and the procedure of finalising transportation rates of POL products is as per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines.

At present, there are two rates prevailing for transportation of POL in Haryana. This is due to the fact that a few tenderers quoted lower rates and the tenders were awarded to them as per the quoted rates. Since, the number of tankers offered by tenderers of lower rates were not sufficient, negotiations were carried out by oil PSUs in Haryana and the negotiated rate was offered to the rest of tenderers and the same was accepted. There was delay in finalising the tenders due to agitation by the transporters for changing certain tender conditions leading to stoppage of POL supplies for few days, resulting in cancellation of earlier tender.

Reimbursement of CST to Oil Marketing Companies

2494. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be plased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 4222 and 2414 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 2000 and 14th August, 2000 respectively and state:

(a) the quantities of controlled products off take from RPL's Jamnagar Refinery for sale in other States till date;

(b) the amount reimbursed to oil marketing companies for their under-recoveries against CST on account of inter-company sales of controlled petroleum products of RPL; and

(c) the modalities of making up the oil pool deficit caused by the above disbursement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The quantities of